

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application, and for the personal interview conducted on June 23, 2010. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and favorable reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the comments and/or amendments made herein.

The Examiner has not initialed the IDSs of April 29, 2010 and May 27, 2010. After repeated phone messages between applicant's representative and the Examiner, it was conveyed to the Examiner that an English abstract and partial relevant translations of the foreign references (JP-2000-023012, JP-2000-207487, JP-10-069524, and a Japanese Office action.), in compliance with MPEP §609.04(a) were not considered by the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that he would reconsider these references in light of the English abstracts and the provided partial translations.

Claim Rejections

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed toward non-statutory subject matter. The claim has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, making the rejection moot.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,473,523 by Newman *et al.*, hereinafter "Newman", in view U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0051575 by Myers *et al.*, hereinafter "Myers" and further in view of Adachi Juji *et al.* JP 10-069524. Claims 11, 13, and 14 are rejected as above in further view of Hou (U.S. 2002/0131636), whereas claim 15 was rejected as above in further view of Ohsawa (U.S. 7,188,307). The rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1, as amended, explicitly requires “a cursor information output unit, which outputs cursor position information showing a position of a character frame, wherein the character frame includes vertical marks and horizontal lines to be used for separating *each of the individual characters* of the plurality of characters in each character image *from each other*” and a “display that simultaneously displays a cursor, which includes the character frame, with the continuous still image *at the time of capturing* the continuous still image” wherein “said character frame including vertical marks and horizontal lines is displayed with the continuous still image *prior to* said character recognizing unit recognizing the individual characters“(emphasis added). As discussed at the personal interview, the prior art fails to teach such a feature.

The Examiner cites Figure 13 of Newman and Figure 11 of Myers as teaching this feature, but as was pointed out at the interview, Figure 13 of Newman fails to show individual characters being separated, and Figure 11 of Myers also fails because the reference states that this figure shows the recognition results (see end of paragraph 0087), and thus does not show individual characters being separate from each other prior to recognition. Regarding Adachi, no teaching of where in the process the cited figure is displayed has been provided.

Neither Hou nor Ohsawa overcome these shortcomings. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the references, as are the claims that depend thereon. Independent claims 5 and 19 recite similar features, and therefore, applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 5 and 19 are allowable over the references as are the claims dependent thereon.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to

initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.: NGB-37577.

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